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TAGS:CPAS: BLACK HEBREW COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: PASSPORT FRAUD

REFERENCE: TEL AVIV 11770 6-26-80

1. THE POST'S CONTEMPLATED PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING APPLICATIONS OF BLACK HEBREW COMMUNITY MEMBERS, SUSPECTED OF FRAUD, IS APPROVED.

2. THE PRESENT METHOD OF CABLE VERIFICATION PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A REPLACEMENT PASSPORT IS NOT VERY SATISFACTORY IN AND OF ITSELF; THEREFORE, OBTAIN AS MUCH VERIFIABLE MATERIAL AS POSSIBLE BY PERSONAL INTERROGATION OF APPLICANTS.

3. ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE CONCERNING SPECIFIC RESIDENCES IN THE U.S., FAMILY COMPOSITION, SCHOOLING AND PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT. A RECORD OF THIS SHOULD ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION.

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4. APPLICANTS' NAMES SHOULD BE FORWARDED BY CABLE SO THAT A SEARCH OF THE FILES WILL BE INITIATED EXPEDITIOUSLY PRIOR TO OBTAINING THE ACTUAL APPLICATION BY POUCH FOR COMPARISON OF EXISTING RECORDS.

5. WHEN CORRESPONDING IN THIS MATTER THE SUBJECT OF THE COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE PASSPORT FRAUD AND TAGS CPAS WITH NAME OF APPLICANT. MUSKIE

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